Production and Export of cotton

1218. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of cotton this year;

(b) what are the varieties of cotton produced and the quantity of each variety;

(c) the quantity of cotton available for export; and

(d) what arrangements are made for marketing it abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The final estimates of production of cotton for the year 1988-89 are yet *to* be received from the States. However, according to present assessments, the production of cotton this year is expected to be around 80 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each.

(b) The important varieties of cotton produced in the country are Varalaxmi, Sankar-4,6 & 7, DCH-32, Hybrid-4, MCU-5, Kapatio & G-12 Punjab American, Jayadhar, A-51-9, L-147 etc. The variety-wise production of cotton for the year 1988-89 has not yet become due from the States.

(c) and (d) It has been estimated that around 2 lakhs bales of cotton could be exported during the current cotton year, without affecting the domestic availability and prices. The export of cotton is undertaken by the various exporting agencies like CO, State Cotton Federation and Private Trade etc., by sending delegations abroad, supply of samples etc.

Supply of water to the villages of Rajasthan under Accelerated Rural Water Supply programme

1219. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR-BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Rajasthan covered under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the problem villages identified only upto 1985 are covered under the ARWSP and not the problem villages
identified after 1985; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not recognising the post-1985 problem villages in Rajasthan for providing assistance under the accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) 6020 problem villages have been covered during the period from 1st April, 1985 to 31st March, 1989 under the State Sector Minimum Needs programme (MNP) and the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP).

(b) Yes, Sit.

(c) As on 1st April, 1989, 1290 problem villages of 1980 and 1985 lists remained to be covered with safe drinking water facilities. The coverage of the post—1985 problem villages can be allowed to be taken up under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme only after all the residual problem villages identified upto 1985 are provided potable drinking water. However, the post-1985 problem villages in Rajasthan are being provided safe drinking water supply under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme. In 1988-89, 400 such problem villages were covered.